

## KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

January 10, 2022

via Zoom

### Attendees

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Don Simon	NI6A
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Susan Yeaman	KN6CMR
Marian Gade	KC6OBK
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Martha Richards	K6ELO
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
David Naisurler	KN6BVF

### Agenda:

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Treasurer/Funding report

Vote on update of KARO ECHO Constitution/Bylaws

- [Draft with markedup revisions](#)
- [Revised draft, as final, with no markup](#)
- [Current bylaws](#)

Training and Operations

- Net Control management sheet/markers
- Digital Net report
  - Bulletin Board (BBS) setup by Rob K6RJM-1 on 144.910
  - Packet/Winlink

Old business

- Membership dues reminder
- [Online payment option on website operational](#)
- MOU update - connection to in-person meeting location

New business

- New Year gift hunt (KARO ECHO logo items)
- Report on Board composition
- Subcommittee refresh
- Soliciting for spreading KE roles/jobs
  - net manager, newsletter editor, etc.
- 2022 list of goals/schedule
- 25th anniversary

#### Tech./Infrastructure

- Report on new antennas and patch boxes
  - Gift hunt exposed more operators to existing boxes
- Equipment maintenance (lead/volunteers/schedule)

#### Elmering

- Recent request/updates

#### Outreach/PR/web

#### Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

- 1st Wed., reports

The meeting was called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the December meeting minutes.

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The treasurer's report was made.

#### **Constitution**

- After many weeks of work by the constitution committee, the updated version of the constitution was approved by a vote of the members.

#### **Training session**

#### **Discussion of the net control operator keeping track of operators moved to another frequency and then returning to the net frequency during a SET or real emergency**

- The original method was post-its on a board.
- Another method is an ICS309 form but it is hard to use after many changes. A clear plastic sheet with dry-erase could be an improvement but in reality there may not be

- much time to write during a practice or real emergency.
- Another method is moveable magnetic markers with colored caps.
- Any type of marker that can blow in the wind will be difficult to use outside.
- There could be an exercise in this before the next SET.

### **Digital net report**

- Those interested in digital modes are trying out different digital modes.
- Rob has set up a 1200 baud packet BBS with a command line interface.
- There is now a digital mode email group for those interested.

## **Business session**

### **Old business**

#### **Treasury, Dues**

- Our website Paypal link is now working thanks to Martha's knowledge on how to set up a Paypal account.
- There is an option for payees to contribute the cost of the transaction in addition to the amount for the yearly dues.

#### **Memorandum Of Understanding**

- The current version of our MOU was sent to El Cerrito Fire Chief Pigone and his response was positive. He asked us to refer further communication about this to Chief Kevin James.
- There will probably be no fire department meeting space available for our in-person meetings so we will need to work with the El Cerrito Parks and Recreation department. If we can go through the fire department to the parks and recreation department we might have better results.
- There will be no funding from the city, but we are not asking for funding.

### **New business**

#### **Treasure hunt**

- Several members retrieved "treasures" from the location coordinates.
- The value of the treasure hunt was for members to be familiar with the patchbox locations and to practice the what-3-words location system.

### **New officers**

- The newly elected club officers appointed Hal to be a member at Large at the January executive board meeting.

### **Sub-committees**

- Existing sub-committees are documented on our website but the lists are not current and some committees have not been active in a while.
- The committees need to be reviewed and requests made for committee volunteers.
- Assistance for the newsletter and the emergency coordinator are needed.

### **Plan for the year**

- A preliminary list has been started with suggested tasks to accomplish for each month.

### **25th Anniversary**

- There is no exact record of KARO-ECHO beginning history but it is likely that this year is our 25th anniversary.
- Suggestions are needed for what to do.
- An anniversary acknowledgement could be helpful for PR, publicizing our value to the community, and possibly contributing to finding a meeting location.

### **Technical / Infrastructure**

- The cost of an antenna installation at a clubhouse with antenna, coax, and patchbox could possibly be up to about \$350.
- Ideas for restarting regular maintenance checks for radios, antennas, cable, and batteries installed in schools, clubhouses, and firehouses was discussed. Several members volunteered to be part of the maintenance committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.